for recognition of minority managed educational institutions were issued - on 5.10.1989 to the Education Secretaries of all the States and Union Territories and recirculated on 11.1.1996. However, the entire matter of minority educational institutions is now under consideration of a 11 member bench of the Supreme Court in the case of T.M.A. Pai Foundation & Others Vs. State of Karnataka & Others. Since the outcome of the case may have a bearing on the norms and principles, these have not been further reiterated for the present.

Adverse effects of Cultural Tourism

3461. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Archaeological Survey of India has called for string nt measures to counter the adverse eftjcts of the growing trend of cultural ourism on historical buildings and moraments; and

(b) if so, the effective steps taken to prevent encroachment of the monuments which form rich cultural heritage of the country?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) Archaeological Survey of India accords priority to the preservation and protection of monuments when considering proposals for promoting cultural tourism. All efforts are made to ensure that exposure of centrally protected monuments for cultural tourism does not adversely affect their conservation.

(b) Appropriate action is taken under the provisions of the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains Act, 1958 and Public Premises (Eviction of unauthorised occupants) Act, 1971 as and when required.

Enforcement of Anti-Child Marriage Laws

3462. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government arc aware that the practice of minor girls giving birth to children is still prevalent in many parts of the country as the girls are married off before they attain the age of 15 years particularly in Rajasthan, U.P., Bihar, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Orissa etc.;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take to strictly enforce the anti-child marriage laws in the country?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. As per Census, 1991, there were 21.50 lakhs minor girls married in the age group of 10-14 years in the country.

(c) Government of India had enacted the Child Marriage Restraint Act in 1929 which was amended in 1978 to raise the minimum age for marriage for boys to 21 years and for girls to 18 years. The implementation of this Act is the responsibility of State Governments.

The Ministry of Human Resource Development (Department of Women & Child Development) has been urgaing State Govprnment/UT Administrations regularly to strictly implement the provisions of the Act and to take up awareness generation campaigns and other measures to prevent child marriages.

Money Spent by ICHR on Economic History of India Project

3463. SHRI V. N. GADGIL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) how much money has so far been spent by the Indian Council of Historical

Research on its Economic history of India project;

(a) whether it is a fact that not a single volume has been pubhshcd so far; and

(b) if so, what action Government have taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. .MURLI MANOHAR JOSHl): (a) According to the information furnished by the ICHR, the amount spent on the Economic History of India Project so far is Rs. 19,55,161/.

(b) Yes, Sir, However, the ICHR have informed that two volumes of the Project namely Indian Railways and Indian Agriculture are ready for the Press.

(c) In view of (b) above, the question does not arise.

दिल्ली में उत्पीड़न झेलने को विवश चालीस हजार महिलाएं

3464. **श्री सूर्यभान पाटील वहाडणें**: क्या मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) नई दिल्ली से प्रकाशित "कुबेर टाइम्स" के दिनांक 12 मार्च, 1998 के संस्करण में "दिल्ली में 40 हजार महिलाएं अत्पीड़न झेलने को विवश" शीर्षक से प्रकाशित समाचार के प्रति सरकार की क्या प्रतिक्रिया है;

(ख) क्या सरकार ने इस सम्बद्ध में कोई छानबीन की है, यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है और यदि नहीं, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं; और

(ग) क्या सरकार इस संबंध में कोई कार्रवाई करने जा रही है, यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है?

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री (श्री मुरली मनोहर जोशी): (क) और (ख) दि कान्फेडरेशन ऑफ इण्डीजनस एण्ड ट्राइबल पीपल्स आर्गनीजेशन ने बिहार, उड़ीसा और मध्य प्रदेश की वृद्ध प्रवासी महिलाओं की स्थिति के संबंध में अपनी सर्वेक्षण रिपोर्ट भारत सरकार को प्रस्तुत नहीं की है, जिस का समाचार में उल्लेख किया गय है।

(क) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

Non-Utilisation of Funds Under Adult Education Programme

3465. SHRI NARENDRA MOHAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(b) whether it is a fact that the funds allocated under Adult Education Programme to State are not being utilized;

(c) if so, what is the position since the last five years when this scheme was launched; and

(d) what were the targets fixed, targets achieved, funds allocated and funds used and what steps Government propose to take so that the objectives underlying. Total Literacy Campaign targeted at the 15-35 years illiterate population are achieved?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The Total Literacy Campaign (TLC) has been adopted as the principal strategy of National Literacy Mission for eradication of illiteracy. These campaigns are followed by Post Literacy Campaigns (PPCs) to consolidate the gains of literacy acquired ami to develop abilities for self learning and skill upgradation. The grants are released to Zilla Saksbarata Samities (ZSSs), which are usually headed by District Collector, on sharing basis with the State Governments at 2:1 and 4:1 in normal aad tribal districts, respectively. Since the grants are released project-wise, the annual utilisation- of grants are not comiled; and unutilised funds are carried over to the next financial year till the project is completed.

The details of grants released, expenditure incurred and- unutilised balances as on 31st March, 98 in respect of Total Literacy Campaigns and Post Literacy Campaigns are as follows:—